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Sir:

In response to the DECISION ON PAPERS FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.42 AND 1.44 of February 15, 2000, a response being due by March 15, 2000, please consider the following remarks:

REMARKS

In the Decision on Papers, it was indicated that the request for status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.42 was dismissed for failure to indicate that Guillaume METTAVANT and Stephanie METTAVANT are the sole heirs or the legal representatives for the deceased co-inventor, Pierre METTAVANT. Importantly, it was noted that proof of authority is necessary prior to issuance of patent, but it is not required for filling an application. It was further indicated that a proper response to this Decision requires either a new declaration indicating that Guillaume METTAVANT and Stephanie METTAVANT are sole heirs or the legal representatives for Pierre METTAVANT, or a statement by the undersigned attorney certifying such assertions.